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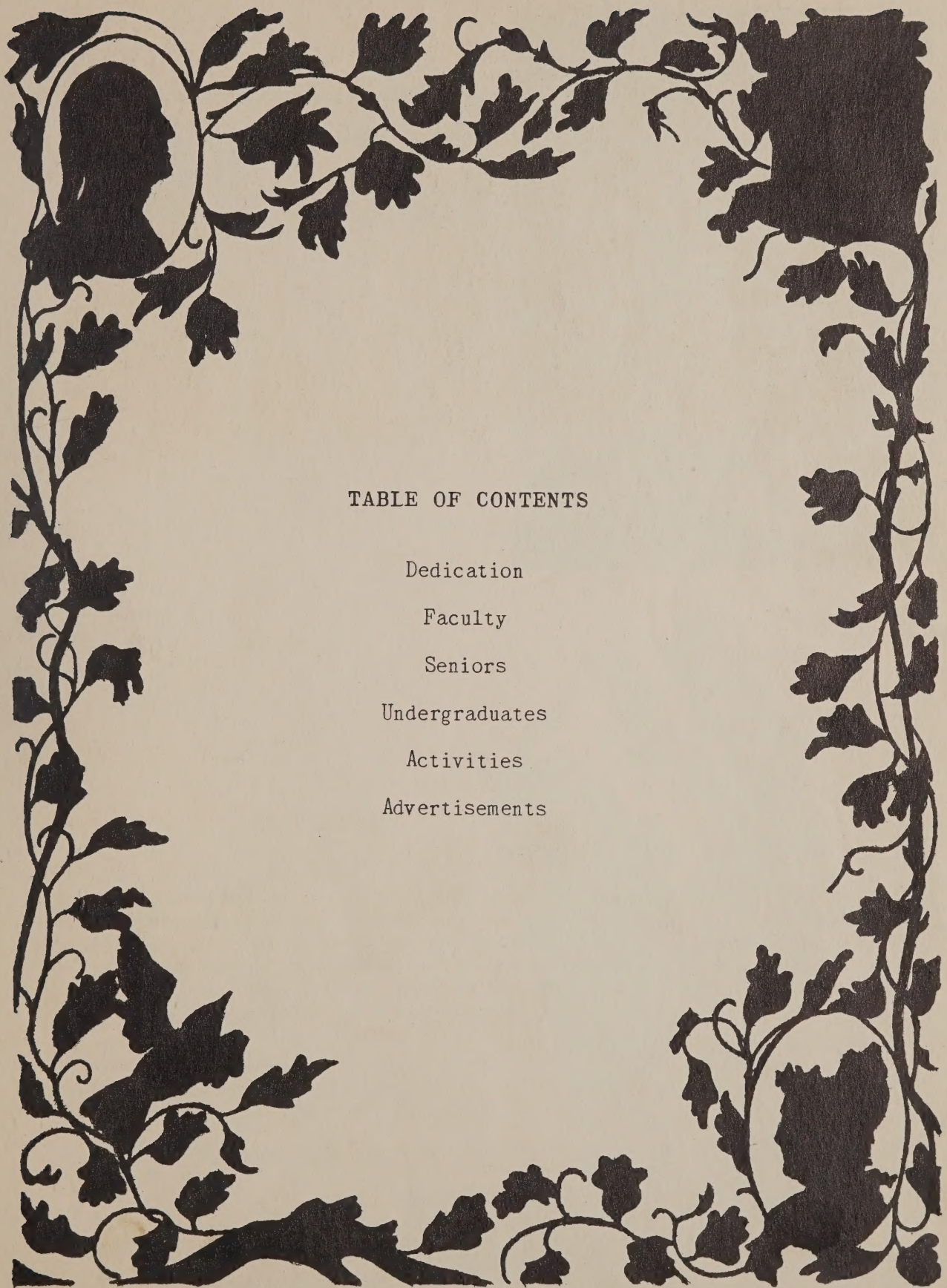

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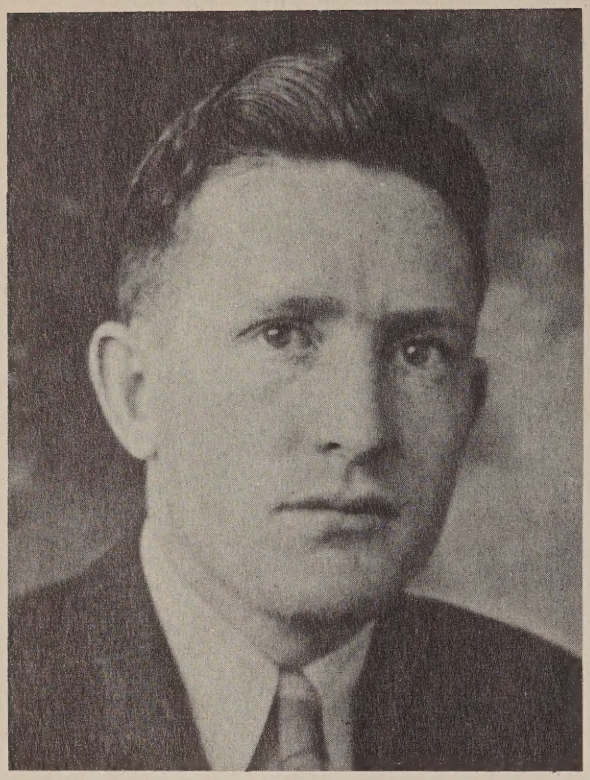

DEDICATION

The Staff of the initial edition of the Surveyor is appreciative to Mr. Ferguson, faculty advisor, for his voluntary assistance and qualified support in the publication of the Mount Vernon Annual. Had the Staff lacked the guidance and advice of this friend and coworker their progress would have been retarded.

It is therefore with pleasure and gratification that we affectionately dedicate the Year Book of 1940 to our competent leader, --

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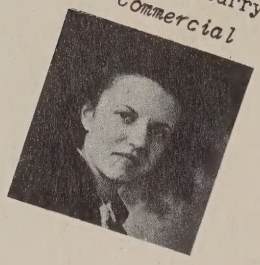

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Commercial

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English & Librarian

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Industrial Arts

Virginia D. Miller
English and Science

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Math. and Science

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Social Studies

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English and Latin

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English & Social Studies

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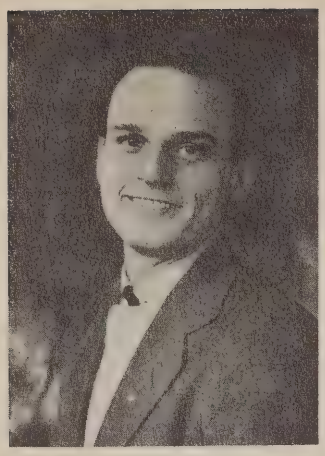
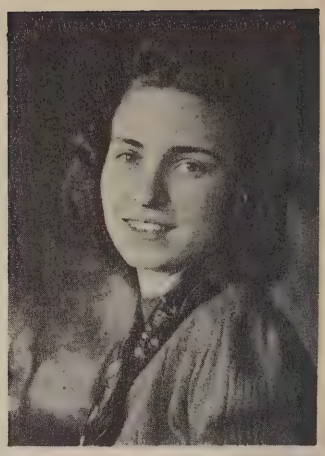
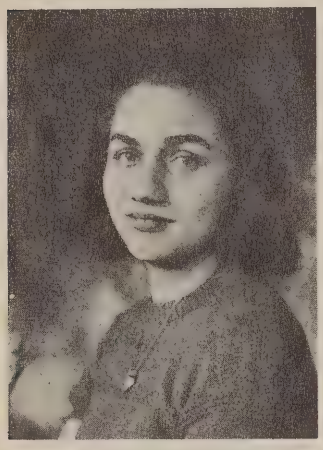
Seniors



Homer William Bruington
"Homebrew"
Ambition: Civil Engineer
Next Year: Work



Dorothy Ann Holmes
"Dottie"
Ambition: Aviatrix
Next Year: Temple Bus. Coll.



Ruth Naomi Norton
"Norton"
Ambition: Nurse
Next Year: Business School

Anna Holmes Much
"Much"
Ambition: Photographer
Next Year: School

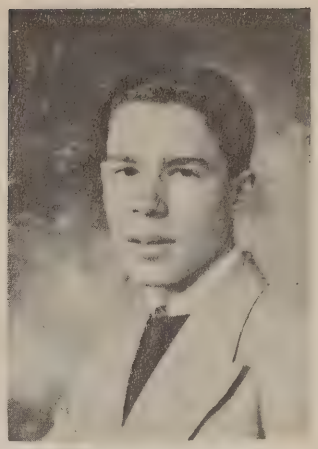
Gladys Marie Baumbach
"Gibbie"
Ambition: Librarian
Next Year: Work

Edward Randolph Bevis
"Randy"
Ambition: Engineer
Next Year: Work

Helen Bruderer
"Helen"
Ambition: Guitarist
Next Year: Business School

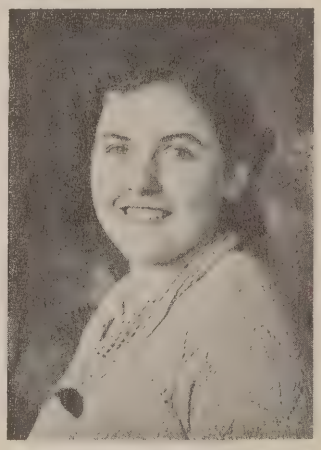
Margaret Mae Campbell
"Pat"
Ambition: Air Stewardess
Next Year: Work

Lucille Mae Cassedy
"Lucille"
Ambition: Work in Beauty Shoppe
Next Year: Work



Allan Moore Collins
"Cyclone"
Ambition: Aviator
Next Year: Work

Doris Mae Conners
"Pam"
Ambition: Secretary
Next Year: Business School



Jacqueline Cooke
"Jack"
Ambition: Orchestra Leader
Next Year: School

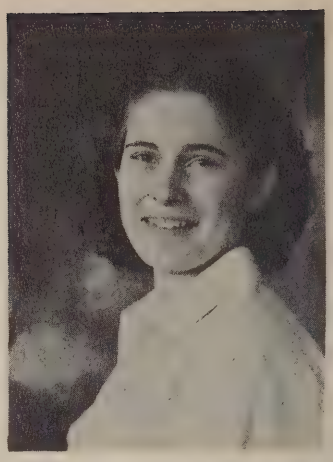
Thomas William Albert Cox
"Cox"
Ambition: Pilot
Next Year: Air School or Work

Dorothy Elaine Davies
"Dottie"
Ambition: Beauty Operator
Next Year: Beauty College

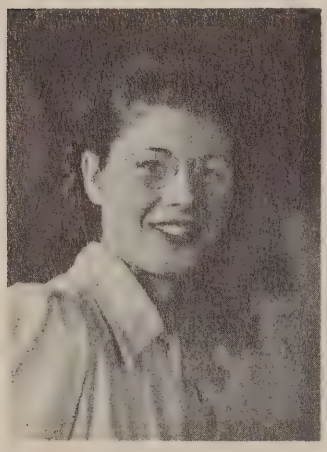
Mary Margaret Dean
"Deanie"
Ambition: Beauty Operator
Next Year: Work

Marian Cecelia Deavers
"Cap"
Ambition: Secretary
Next Year: Work and School

Rosalie Margaret Deavers
"Rosie"
Ambition: Authoress
Next Year: Strayer's or Temple



Margaret Marie Eaton
"Eaton"
Ambition: Air-Hostess
Next Year: Work



Ethel Charlotte Gullacher
"Shorty"
Ambition: Be a Teacher
Next Year: Study teaching

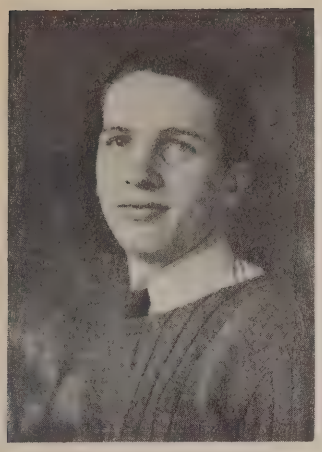
Jack Robert Gustafson
"Jack"
Ambition: An honest living
Next Year: College

Gerard George Hansen
"Hank"
Ambition: Aviator
Next Year: Prep School

Clarence Eugene Hardbower
"Harde"
Ambition: Naval Work
Next Year: Work

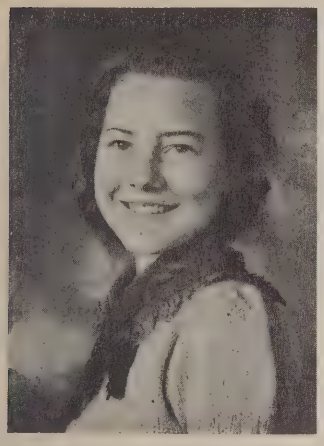
Betty Jane Harrell
"Betty Jane"
Ambition: Teacher
Next Year: Attend College

June Virginia Holland
"Junie"
Ambition: Aviatrix
Next Year: Work

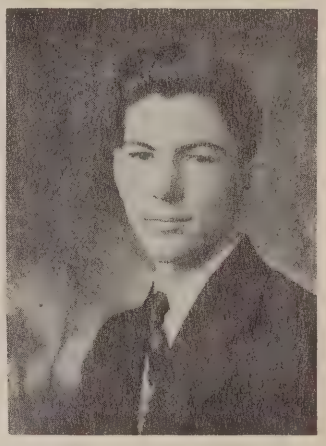


Francis Clifford George Hoskin
"New Yorker"
Ambition: Bacteriologist
Next Year: College

Eugene Philip Hook
"Breezy"
Ambition: To Graduate
Next Year: Work

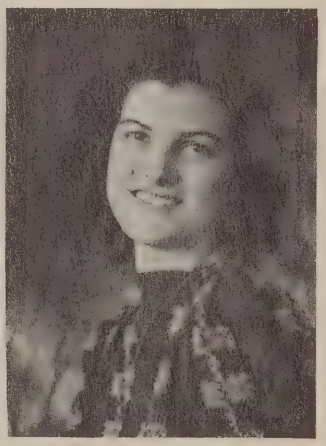


Margaret Pauline Houchens
"Whachins"
Ambition: Be a Writer
Next Year: Work



Harold Lester Javins
"Javins"
Ambition: (none outstanding)
Next Year: College

Evelyn Mae Kaiser
"Evie"
Ambition: Nurse
Next Year: Home



Florence Mae Lyles
"Flossy"
Ambition: Human psychologist
Next Year: School

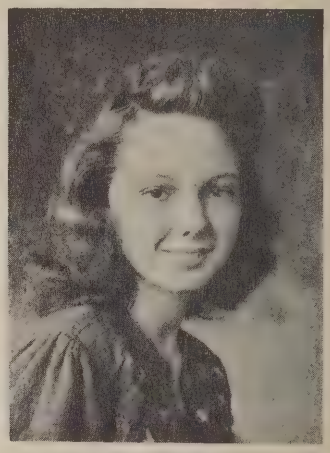
Cora Romilda M. Maters
"Shorty"
Ambition: Traveling Saleslady
Next Year: Work

Margaret Inez McClary
"Cotton-Top"
Ambition: P.B.X. Operator
Next Year: Work

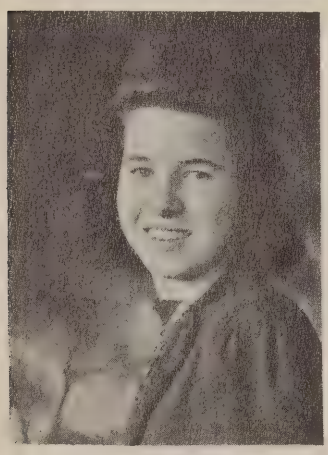
Mary Catherine Monroe
"Mary"
Ambition: Newspaper reporter
Next Year: Work

Delia Mary Murphy
"Aunt" Mary
Ambition: Beautician
Next Year: Work

Howard Wilfred Nietzey
"Nietzey"
Ambition: Com.Pilot; Explorer
Next Year: P.G.Course or Work



Dorothy Mae Petitt
"Dot"
Ambition: Secretary
Next Year: Undecided



Ethel Marie Petitt
"Reezy"
Ambition: Stenographer
Next Year: Business School

Gladys Lavellé Potthast
"Pottie"
Ambition: Indefinite
Next Year: Indefinite

June Elizabeth Rieley
"Junie"
Ambition: Nurse
Next Year: Nurse's Train.School

Bernice Louise Rogers
"Bernice"
Ambition: Secretary
Next Year: School or Work

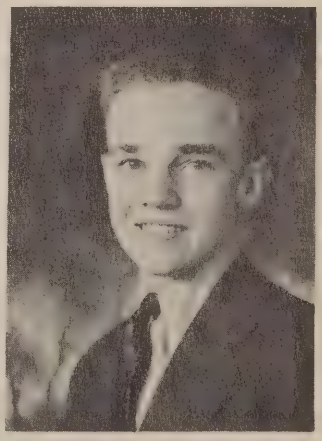
Thomas Melvin Rose
"Muggs"
Ambition: Naval Work
Next Year: Work

Webster Maddox Rose
"Skeeter"
Ambition: To Graduate
Next Year: Work

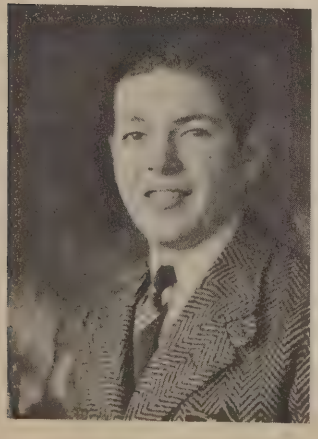
Phillip Martin Ryerson
"Nicky"
Ambition: See turn of century
Next Year: Whatever fate decrees

Merrill Levant Sanborn
"Judge"
Ambition: To Graduate
Next Year: Work

Margaret Cranford Shepherd
"Meg"
Ambition: Interior Decorator
Next Year: Attend School



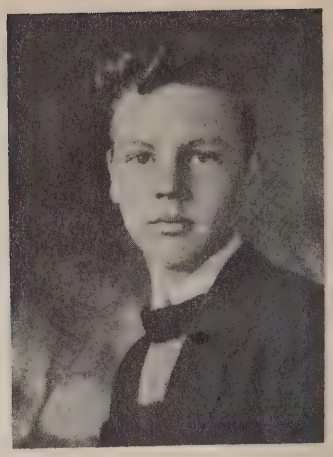
Richard Nelson Talbott
"Talbert"
Ambition: Write fiction
Next Year: Join the Navy



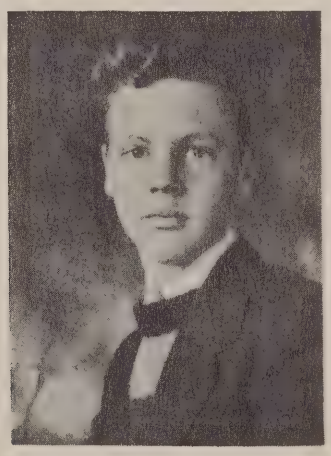
Elvan Richard Thorpe
"Thorpe"
Ambition: A nice job
Next Year: Work

Minnie Louise Viar
"Louise"
Ambition: Air-Hostess
Next Year: Work

Doris Ellen Violett
"Shorty"
Ambition: Teacher
Next Year: Work



Neil Wolford
"Neil"
Ambition: Illustrator
Next Year: Fed.School of Arts



HONORARY MENTION

Little did he realize, when he submitted the title, *The Surveyor,* in the Name-The-Year-Book Contest, that he would name the first annual of Mount Vernon High School.

Neil Wolford, to whom the title honors go, was born in Alexandria, Virginia; his first happy years were spent in Fairfax County. He has attended both the city and the county schools.

Reading modern novels is one of his many interests, "Gone With the Wind" being his favorite, but his main interest lies in art, in which he has excelled. He enjoys movies most when Paul Muni or Bette Davis have leading roles.

As Neil goes forth in search of fame, we wish him all the luck, happiness, and success that he can possibly attain.

CLASS HISTORY

In the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and thirty-six 108 eager youths assembled at Lee-Jackson High School located in Fairfax County, Virginia, to assume the role of freshmen. They had come from the communities of Groveton, Franconia, Annandale, and Baileys, and it was with aspiring thoughts that these students almost immediately began to give evidence of possessing prolific minds. Organized under the leadership of President Charles Pettey, Vice-President Phillip Ryerson, and Secretary-Treasurer Earl McAleer, they soon had become indispensable to the school. While freshmen they published the cynamic mystery *Who;* later they presented to the student body *Wolves In Sheep's Clothing*. Various freshmen also partook in such inter-class activities as Student Government, Glee Club, and Dramatics.

As sophomores the class was under the competent leadership of the only girl to be elected president for any of the four years. This was Margaret Shepherd. Dorothy Holmes was elected Vice-President, Bernice Rogers, Secretary, and Shirley Viar, Treasurer. Mrs. Trueax was the worthy faculty advisor who guided the seventy-eight sophomores through nine months of tempestuous training by which each became more skilled, more self-reliant, and more aware of his nearness to his ultimate aim.

The succeeding year Ogden Rogers was chosen President for the Juniors. Jack Gustafson became Vice-President, Dorothy Holmes, Treasurer, and Bernice Rogers, Secretary. This was the year the class would be called upon to accomplish definite aims. In Lee-Jackson High School auditorium, therefore, the Juniors successfully maneuvered the Junior-Senior Banquet. In the interim, however, Francis Hoskins had been delegated to serve as Class President when Ogden Rogers transferred to a neighboring school.

As evident, 1939 arrived on schedule. This promising group of young people were now Seniors. Homer Bruington, famed athlete and patrolman, was overwhelmingly the class choice for president. Dorothy Holmes was Vice-President, with Ruth Norton Secretary and Anna Much Treasurer. After excessive, but customary quibbling and procrastination, class activities began to function. Harold Javins was President of the student body of Mount Vernon, the new school to which the class had gone. Gladys Potthast headed the Dramatics Club, and Dorothy Holmes wisely directed the affairs of the school paper and the Year Book. Betty Jane Harrell was the winner of the Oratorical Contest held in March and only a few months later the Seniors produced *You're Telling Me*, in Groveton School.

Thus, the first graduating class of Mount Vernon consumed four years of high school life. Nothing is so priceless as the memories of temptations, pleasures, and friendships known in youth. Therefore, may it be natures desire that each member of the graduating class of 1940 cherish these memories, as he does now, no matter what may be his destiny.

CLASS WILL

We, the graduating seniors of Class '40, Mount Vernon High School, County of Fairfax, and state of Virginia, do hereby leave, wholeheartedly, to you, the indicated underclassmen, from whom we are sadly departing, to use and develop, to aid and give you ease in making good your ambitions. May you best use them in all solemn carefulness, in deep reverence, to us, the foregoing givers.

I, Bernice Rogers, happily leave my good disposition and joy of eating candy in Shorthand Class to Lucille Thorpe.

I, Gladys Baumback, donate my cultivated "Gift of gab" to Jeanette Roberts.

I, Francis Hoskin, leave my love of bickering to anyone who can find Miss Miller and Mr. Trenis as easy to disagree with.

I, Margaret Campbell, leave my "air of independence" to Florine Kilby.

I, Randolf Bevis, sleepily give my consent to the presentation of my title of "the guy who almost didn't hear the alarm clock" to Micky Rudderforth.

I, Cora Maters, leave my quietness in classes to Willene Brinkley.

I, Ethel Gullacher, leave a portion of my loveable personality to each Mt. Vernon student.

I, Homer Bruington, leave my "air of importance" to Lester Herring.

I, Lucille Cassedy, leave my shyness and "seen and not heard" manner to Rosalie Carter.

I, Doris Violett, leave my smallness and needless coiffure worries to anyone who has similar troubles.

I, Gerard Hansen, have finally consented to leave Ralph Talbott my closely attached desire to be stubborn.

I, Clarence Hardbower, have said good-bye to my gift of bashfulness to Johnny Hughes.

We, Meg Shepherd and Evelyn Kaiser, jointly extend our secret of true friendship and lively nature to everyone.

I, Gladys Potthast, leave my optimism and "why worry" attitude to Nancy Dickinson.

I, Harold Javins, after scratching my head a long time to decide on a suitable donation, finally hit upon this: A pat on the back (easy though) to all the forthcoming Seniors.

I, Mary Murphy, leave my love and outstanding skill in Home Economics to all the home-making preparatory girlies.

I, Betty Jane Harrell, leave my talkativeness and ability to be everywhere at once, to Norma Hartman.

I, Merrill Sanborn, positively refuse to leave Betty Gordon to anyone, so I'll just leave her my love and blushes instead.

I, Doris Conners, leave my spiced personality and excusable unruliness to Marie Williamson.

I, Dorothy Petitt, leave my self-composed ways and cheerfulness to Ellen Durrer.

I, Dorothy Holmes, leave my place as editor of the Year book and Paper Staff to anyone who enjoys literary and variety responsibilities.

I, Jack Gustafson, leave my unquestionable "friend to and of all" nature to anyone who needs it.

I, Neil Wolford, leave my self-possessed manner and insistence to confirm my own beliefs to Lindsey Walker.

I, Marian Deavers, leave to Lois Ridgeway my giggles and seemingly, "always in a hurry" yet very efficient, ways.

I, Margaret Eaton, leave my refuge as "a place in everybody's heart" to Ruth Nelson.

I, Louise Viar, leave my interest in civic and school affairs to the student body to help make Mount Vernon a leading high school of the state.

I, Mary Monroe, leave my Snoopie and Novelty Columns in the high school paper to anyone who likes to write.

I, Elvan Thorpe, leave my "way with the girls" to any backward or hesitating lad.

I, Florence Lyles, leave my "slap-happy" ways to any serious-minded individual.

I, Webster Rose, leave Eva to any guy to dares to trust his better judgment against that of mine.

I, Margaret McClary, leave my very successful formula for keeping my hair lovely and eyes sparkling to all you damsels.

I, Albert Cox, leave my very much unappreciated gift of blushing with a strong accent to anyone who doesn't want it.

I, Allan Collins, leave my indifferent attitude, yet likeableness, to Pete Lamphier.

I, Eugene Hook, leave some of my good-natured ways and sense of humor to each of next year's knowledge seekers.

I, Marie Petitt, leave my frequent blushing habit to any girl who has a bolder personality and might need it.

I, June Riley, leave my leadership ability and efforts to Beatrice Sloan to help inspire good work in the different school activities.

I, Anna Much, leave my athletic ability and good sportsmanship to Ruth Strang.

I, Ruth Norton, leave my cooperative spirit and unspoken-of willfulness to Lorraine Heider.

I, June Holland, leave my "happy-go-lucky" nature to Elizabeth Wright.

I, Helen Bruderer, leave my musical talent, along with some pleasant expressions to anyone who unfortunately finds himself off key.

I, Howard Neitzey, leave my determinations to Bobby Johnson.

I, Nelson Talbott, leave my worldly knowledge and extensive vocabulary to anyone who isn't quite so abrupt at times.

I, Phillip Ryerson, leave my punctuality and sureness of "speaking my bit" ability to James Tussing.

I, Dorothy Davies, leave some of my femininity and good choice in clothing to all you bemuddled and perplexed females.

I, Mary Dean, leave my sincerity to Wanda Dempsey.

I, Rosalie Deavers, leave my "last minute rushes" to Edith Ragen.

I, Melvin Rose, leave my intangible individuality to anyone who chances to be unpopular.

We. the Senior Class as a whole, leave to the school a set of Fiction books to read and gain from them an abundance of knowledge and enjoyment. May you think of us each time that you read one.

We do hereby select, make, and constitute Mr. Trenis to be our executor of this, our Last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We the Class of Forty, the Testators above named, have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed our seal, the Second day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty.

Class of Forty

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the above departing Senior Class.

CLASS PROPHECY

Comes once again the time of year when we are plagued by wonderment as to what fate holds for our destinies. Being so plagued, there ventures forth, under the sheltering cloak of night, a small, desperate party seeking the answer. At risk of the horrors of lifelong disappointment, and other horrors just as bad, the party, goes to the secret-most vaults of Mount Vernon. Then, having gently mopped the dust from its surface, demands of that psychic crystal to know all.

There arises from within its glow, the image of an old scroll reading: "Behold! It shall come to pass that showers of blessing shall water the whole face of the earth -----

With eminent rumblings of thunder comes the first peek into the hereafters of High School:

Marian Deavers is happily wedded to her former boss. She has employed her sister, Rosalie, to take over her secretarial duties.

Albert Cox has made America forget Howard Hughes by performing even more spectacular aerial accomplishments.

Gladys Baumbach has just received world acclaim for a new simplified library system.

Margaret Campbell has taken Joan Crawford's place on the screen and added glamor to Hollywood.

Melvin Rose just took the world's heavyweight title from here-to-fore unbeaten Joe Louis, now white from age.

Francis Hoskin now reaps the harvest of long research by changing the law of gravity.

Lucille Cassedy, by her beauty operations, has made a glamor girl of Mrs. Roosevelt, still first lady.

Ethel Gullacher is Fairfax County's first good teacher since Mr. Trenis retired. It doesn't say what happened to Woodson.

June Holland has made a romantic outburst in literature with her poetry.

Howard Neitzey is an airline pilot by trade but he was recently drafted in Hollywood for the second filming of "Robin Hood."

Jacqueline Cooke is conducting a leading symphony orchestra abroad.

Merrill Sanborn and his large family live on a rolling farm in the prosperous Valley of Virginia..

Mary Monroe is now an exacting leader of the American Federation of Labor.

Anna Much is an exciting Hollywood producer, having started as a cameraman. Yeah, Vernon's out there too!

Neil Wolford is best known by his works which grace the art galleries.

Randolph Bevis is expected to succeed Mr. Cox as principal of Mount Vernon when he retires in about twenty years or more.

Margaret Houchens has replaced Margaret Mitchell as a literary idol by a novel called "Where it Went."

Dot Holmes still has a lot of admirers and her own plane - Wonder who will be her final choice?

Homer Bruington finally gave up and disappeared into some torrid country where he's reported to have a haven.

Clarence Hardbower has just captured public enemy No. 1 single-handed, with his brilliant G-Man technique.

Helen Bruderer is a sensation on the air with her "Guitar Moods."

Doris Conners is what Carnegie meant how to win friends and influence people. She's a hostess at the Waldorf.

Jack Gustafson, ex-figure skating champ, is currently combining all the important south sea island beaches.

Eugene Hook has Arthur Godfrey's place on W.J.S.V.

Mary Dean has the distinction of being mayor of Alexandria.

Mary Murphy is now married for the third time since her debut into Metropolitan Opera.

Ruth Norton has won applause for her efficiency in assisting the world's greatest surgeon.

Webster Rose is the only first rate pitcher in the big leagues who never had a sore arm.

Marie Petitt is a popular Northern Virginia society woman who lives with her husband on an estate.

Dorothy Petitt is known as "Theodore Lovelle" to Hollywood fans as she's among the brightest stars.

Doris Violett teaches at some swanky school in New York, and is envied by all the coeds.

Evelyn Kaiser is doing noble welfare work in Alaska with the Eskimos.

Florence Lyles has accomplished much in the field of human psychology. She is noted for straightening the lives of many criminals.

Cora Maters is always on the go, being one of the finest Virginia's Senators.

Margaret McClary conducts sight seeing and exploration tours to South America.

Louise Viar, unlike the majority, devotes all of her time to her six little girls and her husband.

Gerard Hansen lives the life of a playboy on the interest from his investments.

Dorothy Davies' beauty treatments have made American women even more beautiful. She is the same thing Lady Esther used to be.

Margaret Eaton combines her home life and career very nicely; for, her homemaking hints on the radio are taken by all the wives.

Betty Jane Harrell is held up to the teachers of the world as a model for that profession.

Elvan Thorpe is a second John Boles in Hollywood and still a most desirable bachelor.

Bernice Rogers is president of the Strayer Secretarial Schools in the eastern U.S.A.

Meg Shepherd does all the interior decorating for hotels and apartment buildings in New York City.

Harold Javins has successfully pursued the ministry and has gone as a missionary to Russia.

Gladys Potthast has married some preaching missionary.

June Rieley, a graduate nurse, has lately been writing fiction in connection with her profession.

Phil Ryerson has realized, wither by hook or crook, his ambition to "have plenty."

Talbott? - he got caught taking a smoke down there in the secret-most vaults. So he's still in detention hall at Mount Vernon.

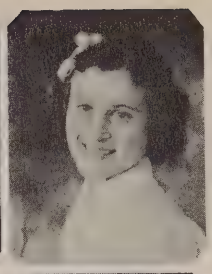
Juniors

James Baldwin

Eileen Barnhart

Clarence Deavers

Wanda Dempsey



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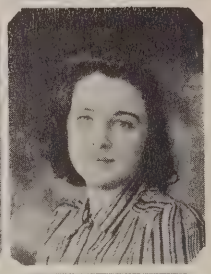

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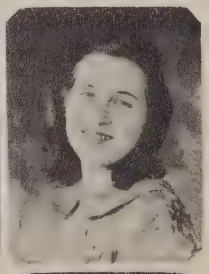
Rosalie Carter

Elsie Fenimore

Eleanor File



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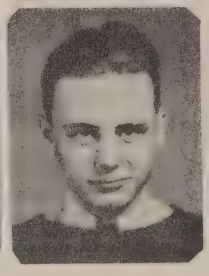
Mae Coates

Bill Flaherty

Harlan Fraley

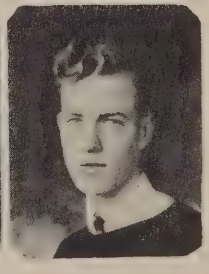
Doris Cockrell

Louis Dean



Betty Gordon

Edward Greenstreet
Treasurer



Elmer Hall

Josephine Harrison

Frieda Logan

Marguerite More

Norval Harrison

Ruth Harler

Louise Morenus

Elmer Nalls

Norma Hartman

Alton Harwell

Pete Nelson *Vice Pres.*

Betty Parrish

Belle Hoffman

Irvin Holmes

Carrie Petitt

Ruth Petitt

Marie Hormann

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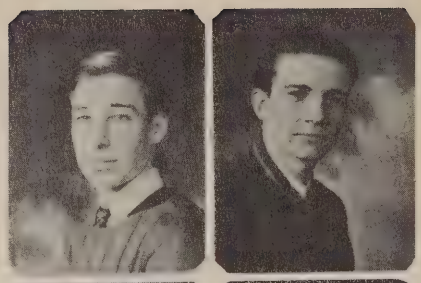
Austin Scott *Pres.*

Gale Seymour



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Aubrey Thorpe

Catherine Shepherd

Irene Simpson

Lucille Thorpe

Amelita Ward

Linwood Simpson

Edna Sisson

Emily White

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Joseph Kleckner

Charles Lookabough
Paul Lucas
Juanita Lyles
Louise Minnick

Ruth Monroe
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Earl Curtis

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Gay Davis

Waughnita Davis

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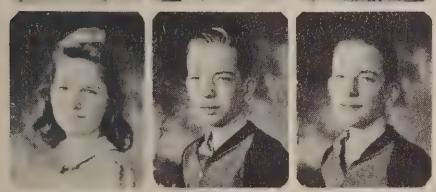

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Alma Walters

Ruby Walters

Lois Wiley

Roberta Wiley

Elizabeth Wright

Billy Harwell

AUTOGRAPHS

Activities

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The first student body in Mount Vernon High School chose to participate industriously in school activities. This they accomplished through the medium of a student government which consisted of three departments --a judical, a legislative, and an executive department.

President of the association was Harold Javins, a senior. Elmer Hall, presiding officer of the legislature and a student in his third year, was Vice-President. Bernice Rogers and Sarah Pulley, two commercial students, one a senior, the other a junior, were Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Four additional students, Homer Bruington, Louise Viar, Marguerite More, and Gladys Potthast, completed the Executive Department.

The Legislative Department was composed of a representative student from each home room; the Judicial Department, one from each class.

Having the leadership of their faculty advisor, Mr. B. E. Trenis, Jr., the student government of 1939-40 sought the solution to many of the high school's most provocative problems. Among the associations' fulfillments or endeavors, were the inauguration of an honor society, the establishment of certain regulations, the improvement of inter-school relations and the advancement of more school pride and personal integrity.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

The girls' team of 1939-40 was the first one to wear the "Mount Vernon Diamonds."

The team played twelve games during the season, winning eight, losing three, and tying one, coming in second place in the League.

Many who went out for the first time this year showed up very well and gave an encouraging glimpse of the teams for the future. They were Mildred Beahm, Louise Morenus, Ruth Nelson, Willene Brinkley, Eileen Barnhart, Ellen Durrer, Wanda Dempsey, Betty Jones, Betty Evans, Elsie Fenimore, Mary Parnell, Jane Ballenger, Mary Sullivan, Gene Harris, and Ruth Strang.

Those playing their last game for Mount Vernon this year were Anna Much, June Holland, Ruth Norton, and Margaret Eaton.

Anna Much, *Captain*
Leta Bartley
Jean Roberts
June Holland
Ruth Norton
Belle Hoffman
Helen Freeman
Eva Harvey
Rosalie Carter
Betty Jane Pogreba
Ruth Nelson
Julia Faye Wright
Ruth Strang
Marguerite Duncan
Margaret Sublette
Margaret Eaton
Eileen Barnhart
Mrs. Mildred Cragg, *Coach*
Betty Long, *Manager*

BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

The Basket Ball Team of 1939-40 was composed of many courageous boys that played Basket Ball for their first time. Elmer Nalls was the only veteran.

The team played hard and fast. They lost several games to larger and superior teams. The team looked very good even in games they lost because they kept fighting with the good old school spirit. They won several games including the game with the faculty. The team has great hopes for the coming year.

Elmer Nalls, *Captain* Bill Murphy, *Manager* A. B. Omohundro, *Coach*

Marshall Tacey
Edward Greenstreet
Elmer Nalls
Edward Moriarty
Jerry Evans
Bill Nowlin
Harlan Fraley
Robert Rudderforth
Homer Bruington
James Coffey
Bill Murphy

FOOTBALL

The first football team in the history of Mount Vernon High School was formed in 1939 under the efficient leadership of an able coach, Mr. Robert Marshall.

The young team played a total of six games, tying three, winning one, and losing two. Although the young members of the gridiron were quite inexperienced in the tactics of football, they progressed rapidly under the steady and willing help of Mr. Marshall, who is a former football player.

Next year, with their weak points realized and a heavier and experienced lineup, they expect to go places and play "real" football.

Harold Javins and Homer Bruington, the "Bread-and-Butter" boys, respectively, acted as captains and leave the team upon their graduation this year. Phillip Ryerson acted as manager over the enthusiastic eleven.

While there were many promising players from the lower classes, those who were usually found in the lineups were:

L. E. Thomas
L. T. Walker
L. G. Baldwin
C. Evans
R. G. Nowlin
R. T. Moriarity
R. E. Nelson
H. B. Bruington
H. B. Javins
Q. B. Nalls
F. B. Rudderforth

BASEBALL TEAM

The Mount Vernon "nine" of 1940 have great hopes of winning the championship. With a pitching staff of Wooster, Beech, and Rudderforth, a fast and sure infield with Nowlin, Hall, Rose and Thomas, and an out field composed of Nalls, Tacey and Beech, the team is sure to have a good outcome.

Duvall, Sanborn, Evans and Violett are able reserves. The team, in games played, has looked very encouraging. The boys have hit hard and played well.

Maurice Wooster, *Captain*
Harlan Fraley, *Manager*
A. B. Omohundro, *Coach*
Homer Bruington
Melvin Rose
Gordon Beech
Wilfred Thomas
Bill Nowlin
Garfield Duvall
Bill Murphy
Marshall Tacey
Jimmy Tussing
Tommy Violett
Merrill Sanborn
Jerry Evans
Elmer Nalls
Robert Rudderforth
Carlen Simpson
Edward Greenstreet
Edward Moriarty

DRAMATIC CLUB
Faculty Advisor: Mrs. Trueax

GLEE CLUB
Faculty Advisor: Miss Phelps

LIBRARY CLUB

Faculty Advisor: Mrs. Hansborough

GIRL RESERVES

Faculty Advisor: Miss Curry

PEP CLUB
Faculty Advisor: Mr. Woodson

PAPER STAFF
Faculty Advisor: Mrs. Cragg

BEAUTY CULTURE
Faculty Advisor: Miss Ramsey

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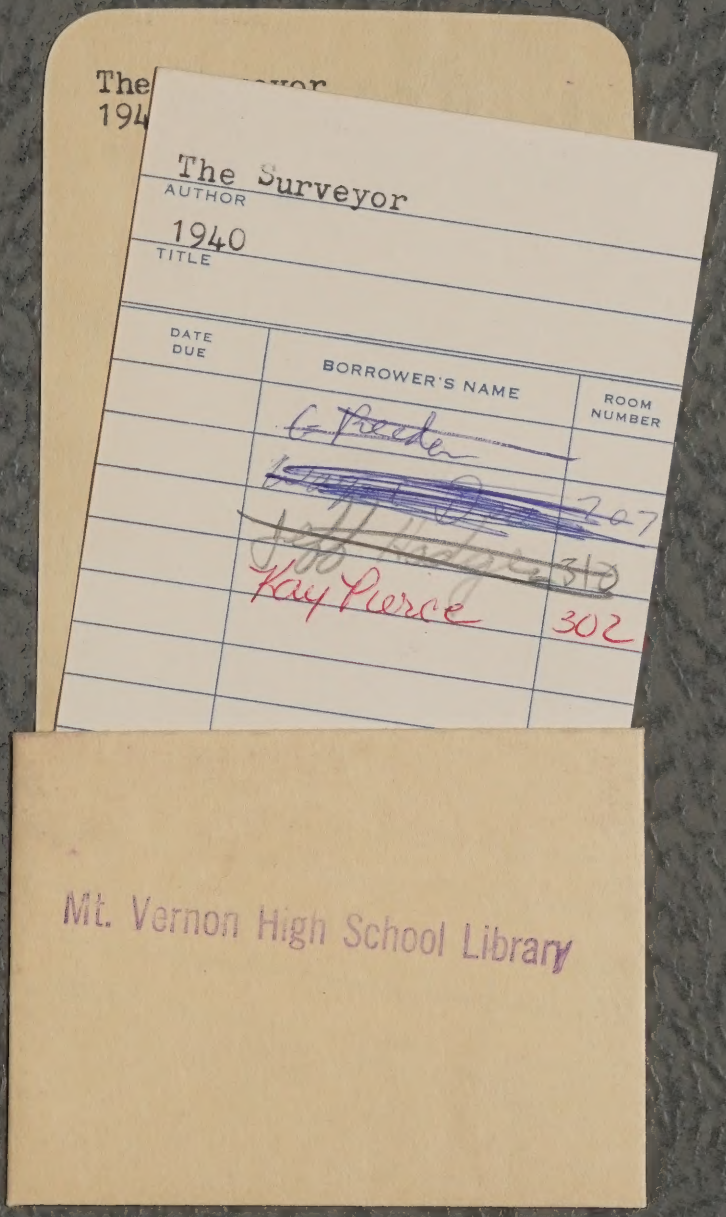
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